

IC 20-12-64

Chapter 64. University of Southern Indiana: Board of Trustees;
Powers and Duties

IC 20-12-64-1**"Board"**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the University of Southern Indiana board of trustees.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-64-2**"Regional campus"**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "regional campus" means Indiana State University – Regional Campus Evansville, a regional campus managed by the Indiana State University board of trustees before July 1, 1985.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-64-3**"University"**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "university" refers to the University of Southern Indiana.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-64-4**Establishment**

Sec. 4. There is established a body corporate and politic with the name University of Southern Indiana.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.11-1993, SEC.7.

IC 20-12-64-5**Powers**

Sec. 5. The university may do the following:

- (1) Sue and be sued.
- (2) Let contracts.
- (3) Enter into cooperative agreements with other educational institutions, including agreements leading to the use of the university as a host site for an educational program administered by another college or university.
- (4) Prescribe conditions for admission.
- (5) Grant degrees and issue diplomas or certificates signifying that a course of postsecondary study has been completed or a degree has been conferred.
- (6) Fix laboratory, contingent, and other fees and charges.
- (7) Set fines and other sanctions for noncompliance with a university contract or rule.
- (8) Employ a faculty and staff for the university, define the duties of the faculty and staff, and provide compensation for the faculty and staff, including a program of fringe benefits and a program of retirement benefits that may supplement or

supersede the state retirement programs established by statute for teachers or other public employees.

(9) Receive, administer, and dispose of all donations, bequests, grants, funds, and other property that may be given to the university or otherwise acquired by the university.

(10) Engage in research or public service that furthers an educational purpose.

(11) Exercise all powers, rights, privileges, and duties conferred upon the university or the board by any statute enacted by the general assembly.

(12) Adopt rules to carry out this chapter.

(13) Exercise all other powers necessary to conduct efficiently the affairs of the university.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-64-6

Management

Sec. 6. The authority to manage the university is vested in the board.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-64-7

Board; members; terms; qualifications

Sec. 7. (a) The board consists of nine (9) members who shall serve staggered terms of four (4) years. However, the student member required by subsection (c) shall serve a term of two (2) years.

(b) Each member of the board must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Indiana.

(c) The board must include at least the following:

(1) One (1) member who is an alumnus of the university or an alumnus of the regional campus.

(2) One (1) member who is a full-time student in good standing enrolled in the university.

(3) One (1) member who is a resident of Vanderburgh County.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-64-8

Board; members; appointment; vacancy

Sec. 8. The governor shall appoint the members of the board. If a vacancy occurs during the term of any member, the governor shall appoint an individual to serve the unexpired term of the vacating member.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-64-9

Board; screening committee for nominating alumnus member; vacancy; list; appointment

Sec. 9. (a) There is established a screening committee of the university for the purpose of nominating the alumnus member of the board required by section 7 of this chapter.

(b) The screening committee described in subsection (a) consists of five (5) members appointed by the executive body of the university alumni association designated by the board.

(c) Within seventy-five (75) days after the date that a vacancy occurs on the board for the alumnus member required by section 7 of this chapter, the screening committee described in subsection (a) shall submit a list of at least three (3) names of eligible individuals to a person designated by the board. When the names are received by the person designated by the board, the designated person shall submit the names to the governor.

(d) The governor shall appoint the alumnus member of the board required under section 7 of this chapter from the list of names submitted under subsection (c). However, if the governor does not receive the names of at least three (3) eligible individuals under subsection (c) within ninety (90) days after the alumnus member vacancy on the board occurs, the governor may appoint any individual who is otherwise eligible under section 7 of this chapter to serve as the alumnus member of the board.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-64-10

Board; screening committee for nominating student member; vacancy; list; appointment

Sec. 10. (a) There is established a screening committee of the university for the purpose of nominating the student member of the board required by section 7 of this chapter.

(b) The screening committee consists of:

(1) four (4) students enrolled in the university who are appointed by the student governing body designated by the board; and

(2) one (1) individual appointed by the governor.

(c) Within seventy-five (75) days after the date that a vacancy occurs on the board for the student member required by section 7 of this chapter, the screening committee described in subsection (a) shall submit a list of at least ten (10) names of eligible individuals to a person designated by the board. When the names are received by the person designated by the board, the designated person shall submit the names to the governor.

(d) The governor shall appoint the student member of the board required by section 7 of this chapter from the list of names submitted under subsection (c). However, if the governor does not receive the names of at least ten (10) eligible individuals under subsection (c) within ninety (90) days after the date that the student member vacancy on the board occurs, the governor may appoint an individual who is otherwise eligible under section 7 of this chapter to serve as the student member of the board.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-64-11

Bylaws

Sec. 11. The board shall adopt bylaws governing:

- (1) the election of its officers;
- (2) the conduct of its meetings and its other internal affairs; and
- (3) the appointment and duties of a president, a treasurer, and other executive officers of the university.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-64-12

Salary per diem and expenses

Sec. 12. Each member of the board is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Such a member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the department of administration and approved by the state budget agency.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-64-13

Approval requirement

Sec. 13. Any:

- (1) branch, campus, extension center, college, or school;
- (2) associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree; or
- (3) program of two (2) semesters, or the equivalent, leading to a certificate or other indication of accomplishment;

that the university intends to establish or offer must be approved in compliance with IC 20-12-0.5-8. For purposes of IC 20-12-0.5-8, the university is approved to accept and administer the campus, extension centers, colleges, and schools established for the regional campus before July 1, 1985, and to offer the degrees and programs offered through the regional campus before July 1, 1985.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-64-14

Bonds

Sec. 14. In addition to authority to issue bonds as may be from time to time provided, the board may issue refunding bonds or advance refunding bonds under IC 20-12-6, IC 20-12-7, and IC 20-12-9 for bonds of the Indiana State University board of trustees issued to finance facilities on the regional campus comprising part of the university after July 1, 1985.

As added by P.L.218-1985, SEC.1.